

REMARKS

Claims 29-48 were pending when the last Office Action was mailed. Applicant has cancelled claims 46-48. Applicant has not amended or added any claims. Accordingly, claims 29-45 remain pending.

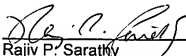
The last Office Action allowed claims 29-45, and rejected claims 46-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Without conceding the merits of the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection, applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is moot in light of the cancellation of claims 46-48. However, applicant reserves the right to pursue claims 46-48 at a later time in this application or in continuing applications.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are patentable. The applicants accordingly request reconsideration of the application and a mailing of a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Rajiv P. Sarathy at (206) 359-6478.

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